

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being claims to non-statutory subject matter. These claims have been amended to properly claim the subject matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-6, 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed in light of the above amendments to the claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuwata et al (2003/0222916), now abandoned, and under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuwata et al in view of Schwier et al (2005/0206954). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the office action, the examiner stated that Kuwata teaches a computer program to “select a template for a bank of tabs from the stored templates” and further using this template activate one or more tab positions but Kuwata actually uses flags to (see paragraphs 25-27) and Schwier deletes according to specific directions as described in paragraph 46. This is different from the method described and claimed in the current application. The Applicants have amended the claims to better claim this invention.


CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

In conclusion, none of the prior art cited by the Office Action discloses the limitations of the claims of the present invention, either individually or in combination. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

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